

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: (Restricted) Activation of Orlando AFB

TO: Director of Operations, DCS/O
 Director of Installations, DCS/M
 IN TURN
 FROM: Director of Manpower and Organization, DCS/O

DATE NOV 28 1950

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1. The mission of Engineer Aviation units is to provide a construction capability for projects, which, by reason of their location, nature of the project or need for security, cannot more readily be performed by civilian contract. In war time this service is primarily required in overseas theaters where facilities, such as air bases, are required in the prosecution of the war. The determination of the requirement for, and the direction of, such service is the responsibility of the theater commander. The peace time mission of EA units is one of unit training to prepare them to acquit this war time mission. This training might include actual construction projects in the Z.I.

2. The responsibility for such activity does not fall within the purview of MATS which is an organization charged primarily with the transport of personnel and equipment and such allied activities as may be assigned.

3. ConAC as reconstituted appears to be a logical command to which the responsibility for the training of Engineer Aviation units should be assigned. ConAC is responsible for the following functions:

a. Preparation for overseas movement of such units as may be directed including those of the ANG in the Federal Service.

b. Being prepared to train replacement units and combat crews required for mobilization in accordance with plans, directives and schedules issued by Hq, USAF.

c. Establishment and operation of overseas replacement depots as directed.

4. ConAC is a Z.I. area command and its scope of responsibility embraces the whole Z.I. where training of EA units will take place. By virtue of its mission ConAC is responsible for POM which would entail a minimum of personnel transfers in connection with overseas movement of EA units. Further, Orlando is at present assigned to ConAC.

5. Recommendations:

a. That ConAC be assigned the responsibility for the EA unit training program and be directed to activate Orlando Air Force Base for the support of EA units returning to Z.I. by 1 January 1951.

b. That the feasibility of developing an Engineer Aviation Wing at Orlando be considered.

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c. That AF directives outlining the responsibilities and functions of the various headquarters as pertain to the employment and training of Engineer Aviation units be amended as soon as practicable.



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